

Thursday, March 6, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 409–411. **Page S2021**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 56, designating March 25, 1997 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

S. Res. 60, to commend students who have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 1997.

Measures Passed:

Hearst Senate Youth Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 60, to commend students who have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 1997.

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Committee Funding—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, on Monday, March 10, 1997.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the 1997 Trade Policy Agenda and 1996 annual report on the Trade Agreements Program; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–21).

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Measure Indefinitely Postponed: Senate indefinitely postponed further consideration of the following measure:

International Family Planning: S.J. Res. 14, affirming certain findings of the President of the United States with regard to programs concerning international family planning.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S2033, S2034**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James B. King, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:33 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2034.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of State, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Keith R. Hall, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Yolanda Townsend Wheat, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Charles A. Gueli, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, and Jeffrey A. Frankel, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Wheat was introduced by Senator Bond, and Mr. Frankel was introduced by Senator Boxer.

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings on proposals to reform product liability, focusing on the effectiveness of the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1974, after receiving testimony from John Moore, Cessna Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas; Bradley Mottier, Unison Industries, Jacksonville, Florida; Paul Newman, New Piper Aircraft, Inc., Vero Beach, Florida; Scott Tarry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Robert Creamer, Citizen Action of Illinois, Chicago; John Petersen, Montgomery County Action Council, Coffeyville, Kansas; and John Yodice, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Edward Bolin, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.

NOAA 1998 BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries and the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded joint hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after receiving testimony from D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Elbert W. Friday, Jr., Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, Robert S. Winokur, Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services, and Andrew H. Moxam, Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, all of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES DEREGULATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held oversight hearings to discuss proposals to advance the goals of deregulation and competition in the electric power industry, receiving testimony from Jeffrey K. Skilling, Enron Corp., Houston, Texas; Allen Franklin, Georgia Power Company, Atlanta, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; Frederick W. Buckman, PacifiCorp, Portland, Oregon; Pradeep Mehra, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; James Kallenberger, Payless ShoeSource, Inc., Topeka, Kansas, on behalf of the International Mass Retail Association; P. Chrisman Iribe, U.S. Generating Company, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; Steve Frank, Southern California Edison Company, Rosemead; Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; Sunny Popowsky, Pennsylvania State Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg; Larry Hall, KN Energy, Inc., Lakewood, Colorado, on behalf of the Natural Gas Power Group and the Interstate Natural Gas Association; and Arthur W. Adelberg, Central Maine Power Company, Augusta, on behalf of the PURPA Reform Group.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 13.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held oversight hearings to discuss the impact of the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act on the administrative and judicial appeals of land management decisions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, receiving testimony from Sally K. Fairfax, University of California, Berkeley, Randall O'Toole, Thoreau Institute, Eugene, Oregon; Johanna Wald, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco, California; Steve Blomeke, National Wildlife Federation, Bismarck, North Dakota; Charles Graham, Selkirk-Priest Basin Association, Moscow, Idaho; Jamie Dalton, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Salt Lake City; Paul Kruse, Wyoming Office of Federal Land Policy, Cheyenne; Paul Frey, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Sue Kupillas, Medford, Oregon.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and innovative transportation financing, technology, construction and design practices, receiving testimony from Representative DeLauro; Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Jane Garvey, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, and Christine Johnson, Director of the Joint Program Office, Intelligent Transportation Systems, all of the Department of Transportation; Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, Joseph Christoff, Assistant Director, and Yvonne Pufahl, Senior Evaluator, all of the General Accounting Office; Robert E. Skinner, Jr., Executive Director, Transportation Research Board, National Academy of Sciences; Gerald S. Pfeffer, United Infrastructure Company, Chicago, Illinois; Daniel V. Flanagan, Jr., Flanagan Consulting Group, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Commission to Promote Investment in America's Infrastructure; and James Costantino, Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IRA'S

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to expand Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's), including S. 197, proposed Savings and Investment Incentive Act, receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, Dallas L. Salisbury, Employee Benefit Research Institute, and John S. Tottie, Citizens for a Sound Economy, all of Washington, D.C.; R. Glenn Hubbard, Columbia University, New York, New York, and Steven F. Venti, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, both on behalf of the National Bureau of Economic Research; and Robert C. Pozen, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care resumed hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare program and its long-term status, receiving testimony from Stuart M. Butler, Heritage Foundation, Robert B. Helms, American Enterprise Institute, and Michael B. Tanner, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Karen Davis, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; and Lynn Etheredge,

Health Insurance Reform Project/George Washington University, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Karen Shepherd, of Utah, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

USIA 1998 BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Information Agency and international broadcasting, after receiving testimony from Joseph D. Duffey, Director, and Kevin Klose, President, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, both of the U.S. Information Agency.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAX REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine Federal tax policy issues for the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton; District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry; and Jack Kemp, Empower America, Daniel J. Mitchell, Heritage Foundation, and William A. Niskanen, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 56, designating March 25, 1997 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy";

S. Res. 60, to commend students who have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 1997; and

The nominations of Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Colleen Kollar Kotelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Rose Ochi, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and Lyle Weir Swenson, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota.

HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine health care quality

and consumer protection issues, focusing on managed care and fee-for-service plans, after receiving testimony from Bruce M. Fried, Director, Office of Managed Care, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas State Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Topeka; Judith G. Waxman, Families U.S.A. Foundation, Washington, D.C.; William L. Roper, Prudential HealthCare, Roseland, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans; Mark R. Chassin, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York; Gail Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland; James C. Cubbin, General Motors Corporation, Flint, Michigan; Patricia Salber, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, California; and Peter Berman, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment authorizes \$4,350,000 for the sole purpose of conducting an investigation of illegal activities in connection with 1996 Federal election campaigns.)

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on S. Res. 39 (listed above), after receiving testimony from Senators Thompson and Glenn.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending committee business, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

BABY BOOMER RETIREMENT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the challenges of providing health and income security for baby boomers who will begin retirement in the year 2010, and the impact on Federal programs affecting the elderly, after receiving testimony from Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland; David M. Walker, Arthur Andersen, Atlanta, Georgia; Dallas L. Salisbury, Employee Benefit Research Institute, and Barry P. Bosworth, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Madelyn Hochstein, DYG, Inc., Danbury, Connecticut; Olivia S. Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Robert N. Butler, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York, on behalf of the Alliance for Aging Research; and H. James Towey, Commission on Aging With Dignity, Tallahassee, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 963–997; 2 private bills, H.R. 998–999; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 60–61, H. Con. Res. 39–41, and H. Res. 84–86, were introduced.

Pages H802–04

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 852, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies (H. Rept. 105–7 Part I).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Quinn to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 33, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 5.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 75 yeas to 293 nays, Roll No. 32).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 1997; and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 for morning-hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 12.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Blumenauer wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 84, electing Representative Blumenauer to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Representative Kucinich to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and Representative McDermott to the Committee on the Budget. **Page H774**

Suspension—Washington, D.C. City Council Contract Reform: By a yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 7 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 34, the House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 513, to exempt certain contracts entered into by the government of the District of Columbia from review by the Council of the District of Columbia. **Page H777**

Joint Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 85 electing the following Members to serve with the Chairman of the Committee on House Oversight: Representatives Ney, Granger, Hoyer, and Gejdenson to the Joint Committee on Printing and Representatives Ney, Ehlers, Kilpatrick, and Gejdenson to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library. **Pages H777–78**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 84 yeas to 312 nays, Roll No. 35). **Page H778**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Kucinich wherein he resigns from the Committee on International Relations. **Page H778**

Presidential Message—Trade Policy: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his 1997 Trade Policy Agenda and 1996 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Pages H778–79**

Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Bishop wherein he requests a leave of absence from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H795**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H769.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H769–70, H776–77, H777, and H778. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the

Commodity Futures Trading Commission and on the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following: Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; the following officials of the USDA: Dallas R. Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; and Grant B. Buntrock, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce and on the Federal Courts; the Administrative Office and the Federal Judicial Center. Testimony was heard from William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Judicial Conference: Judge John Heyburn, Chairman; and Judge William Young, Co-Chairman; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office, U.S. Courts; Judge Rya Zobel, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on TVA and on the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Craven Crowell, Chairman, TVA; and the following officials of the Appalachian Regional Commission: Kirk Fordice, Governor, State of Mississippi, State's Co-Chairman; and Jesse L. White, Jr., Federal Co-Chairman.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on Indian Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease, the National Center for Research Resources, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Dental Research. Testimony was heard from Stephen Katz, M.D., Director, National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease; Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., Director, National Center for Research Resources; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and

Human Development; and Harold C. Slaukin, M.D., Director, National Institute of Dental Research.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy Construction. Testimony was heard from Robin Tirie, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Defense.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 1998 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview and on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John H. Dalton, Secretary; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation; Vice Adm. T. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operation (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments); and Lt. Gen. Jeffrey W. Oster, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the GAO and on the Secretary of Transportation. Testimony was heard from John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

VA—HUD—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development continued hearings on H.R. 2, Housing Op-

portunity and Responsibility Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Hearings continue March 11.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET—CBO'S ANALYSIS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the CBO's Analysis of the Administration's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 1998. Testimony was heard from June E. O'Neil, Director, CBO.

SEC AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Assisted Suicide: Legal, Medical, Ethical, and Social Issues. Testimony was heard from Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston; Rabbi A. James Rudin, Director, Interfaith Relations, American Jewish Committee; Rev. David L. Adams, Executive Director, Office of Government Information, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas, Greek Orthodox Church, Archdiocese of America; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION AT A CROSSROADS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted. Testimony was heard from Lamar Alexander, former Secretary of Education; and Delaine Eastin, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of California.

FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on Federal Telecommunications System Acquisition Strategy (Post-FTS 2000). Testimony was heard from Robert J. Woods, Commissioner, GSA; and Frank E. Lalley, Associate Deputy and Assistant Secretary Telecommunications, Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Hearings continue March 12.

OVERSIGHT—HUD AND LABOR: MISSION MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations continued Agency oversight hearings: the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the

Department of Labor: Mission, Management, and Performance. Testimony was heard from Susan Geffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs; Charles C. Masten, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and the following officials of the GAO: Larry Dyckman, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues; and Carlotta Joiner, Director, Education and Employment.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Oversight: Met to consider funding requests for the following Committees: Rules; Banking and Financial Services; Budget; Resources, Education and the Workforce; National Security; Commerce; and Government Reform and Oversight.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 16, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Bahmaputra River Basin; H. Res. 68, amended, stating the sense of the House of Representatives that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interests of the United States, Japan, and the nations of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the treaty's implementation; and H.R. 750, amended, to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its reversion to the People's Republic of China.

The Committee also ordered reported H.J.Res. 58, amended, disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1997.

OVERSIGHT—CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Congressional Review Act. Testimony was heard from Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Jonathan Z. Cannon, General Counsel, EPA; Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Charles W. Johnson, Parliamentarian, House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 927, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 926, Prisoner Service Opportunity Act of 1997; and H.R. 924, Victim Allocation Clarification Act of 1997.

DOD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John G. Tilelli, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea; Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on ballistic missile defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; and Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 511, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Representative John Tanner; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Bernie Richter, Assemblyman, State of California; and public witnesses.

DOE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION—ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, held a hearing on fiscal year 1998 budget authorization request for Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Martha A. Krebs, Director, Energy Research, Department of Energy; and Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT; ADMINISTRATION BUDGET REQUEST—SBA

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 852, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1997.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Administration's Budget request for the SBA for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

ETHICS PROCESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue hearings on the Ethics Process in the House. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, continued hearing on ISTEA Reauthorization: Policy Initiatives and Requests for Highway and Transit Projects. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

Hearings continue March 11.

MEDICARE HMO REGULATION AND QUALITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare HMO Regulation and Quality. Testimony was heard from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from the following members of the Advisory Council on Social Security: Robert M. Ball; Sylvester J. Schieber; and Edward M. Gramlich, Chairman.

IRAN TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Iran Terrorism. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Richard G. Fazakerley, Blinded Veterans of America, James M. Blaylock, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Kenneth C. Huber, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Robert M. Zweiman, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles R. Jackson, Non Commissioned Officers Association of

the USA, and Virginia M. Torsch, Retired Officers Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1997

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February, and to examine the Consumer Price Index, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 10 through 15, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. Res. 39, Governmental Affairs Committee investigative funding.

On *Tuesday*, and during the balance of the week Senate will continue consideration of S. Res. 39, Governmental Affairs Committee funding and may consider any cleared executive and legislative business, including the nomination of Frederico Peña, to be Secretary of Energy.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 11 and 13, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: March 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Consumer Information Center, and the Office of Consumer Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 11, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Food and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, 12 and 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for the Small Business Administration, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m.; S-146, Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile projects, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 11 and 13, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the unified commands military strategies and operational requirements, Tuesday at 10 a.m. in SD-106 and Thursday at 10 a.m. in SH-216.

March 11, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on science and technology programs, 2:15 p.m., SR-222.

March 12, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Army Force XXI initiatives and Army modernization programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 12, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on U.S. national security space programs and policies, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 12, Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on policies pertaining to military compensation and quality of life programs, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: March 11, to hold hearings to examine a proposal by a House coalition relating to the budget for fiscal year 1998 and beyond, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 12, to hold hearings to examine universal telephone service, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 12, business meeting, to mark up S. 104, to reform United States policy with regard to the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 13, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine issues with regard to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to examine the future of the National Park System and to identify and discuss the needs, requirements, and innovative programs that will insure the Park Service will continue to meet its responsibilities well into the next century, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 13, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Ef-

iciency Act, focusing on program eligibility, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Brig. Gen. Robert Bernard Flowers, USA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Judith M. Espinosa, of New Mexico, and Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 11, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Medicaid program, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

March 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Graduate Medical Education program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 12, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for security assistance, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 12, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on Mexican and American responses to the international narcotics threat, 2 p.m., SD-419.

March 13, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget requests for fiscal year 1998 for certain International Organizations and Conferences and the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 10, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, to hold hearings to review management issues for the Department of Commerce, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the census in the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 13, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine national missile defense and prospects for United States-Russia ABM Treaty accommodation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 11, to hold joint hearings with the House Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution to examine issues relating to partial birth abortion, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: March 11, Subcommittee on Employment and Training, to hold hearings to review Federal job training programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 12, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine scientific discoveries in cloning, focusing on challenges for public policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

March 13, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 4, to provide private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, bi-weekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs

to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, and to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

March 14, Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 11, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 11 and 12, to hold hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m., SH-216.

March 13, Full Committee, to continue hearings in closed session on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

Monday: No legislative business.

Tuesday: Consideration of 11 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 649, Department of Energy Standardization;
2. H.R. 651, Extend Deadline for Hydroelectric Project in the State of Washington;
3. H.R. 652, Extend Deadline for Hydroelectric Project in the State of Washington;
4. H.J. Res. 32, Granting Consent to Hawaiian Homes Commission;
5. H.R. 63, Trinity Lake Designation;
6. H.R. 437, National Sea Grant College Program;
7. H.R. 709, National Geologic Mapping;
8. H.R. 750, Supporting the Autonomous Governance of Hong Kong After its Reversion to the People's Republic of China;
9. H. Con. Res. 16, Concerning the Urgent Need to Improve the Living Standards of those South Asians Living in the Ganges and Brahmaputra River Basin;
10. H. Res. 68, Sense of the House Concerning the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States and Japan; and
11. H.R. 914, Higher Education Technical Amendments.

NOTE.—No votes are expected on Tuesday before 5 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 58, Disapproving the Certification of the President Regarding Foreign Assistance for Mexico During Fiscal Year 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 852, Paperwork Elimination Amendments (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 412, Approving An Irrigation District Agreement (subject to a rule).

Friday: No votes are expected.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 12, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 12, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on the status of the electronic benefit transfer system for the food stamp program, 9:30 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, to continue on GAO, 11 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on marketing and regulatory programs, 1 p.m., and on Congressional and public witnesses, 4 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Interior, on Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., and on Elementary and Secondary Education and Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on National Security, on fiscal year 1998 Air Force Budget overview, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Transportation, on National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., and on Office of Inspector General, 1 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on National Park Service, 9:30 a.m., on the Executive Office of the President, 10:30 a.m., and on Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, and on Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10:30 a.m., and on food Safety, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on United States Information Agency/International Broadcasting, 10 a.m., and on Counterterrorism, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Interior, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Vocational and Adult Education; Special Education; and Rehabilitative Services, 10 a.m., and on Postsecondary Education, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Housing Privatization Efforts, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on National Security, on Air Force Acquisition Programs, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 12, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 9 a.m., and on National Credit Union Administration, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., and on Telecommunication Issues, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Energy Resources, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowments for the Arts and National Endowments for the Humanities, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Educational Research and Improvements; and the Office of Inspector General, 10 a.m., and on Howard University; and Special Institutions for the Disabled, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on National Security, on Fiscal Year 1998 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and on Army Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 13, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA, 10 a.m., and on Federal Election Commission, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on U.S. Trade Representatives, 10 a.m., and on SEC, 11 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, March 11, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the use of the Department of the Treasury Geographic Targeting Order, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, to continue hearings on H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on financial services modernization, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on International Financial Institutions, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 11, hearing on correcting the CPI, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, March 11, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicaid Reform: the Governor's View, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Proposed Clean Air Act NAAQS Revisions: Concerns with EPA's and OMB's Responses to Committee Information Requests, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 13, hearing on the Administration's Education initiatives, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, March 10, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Government Performance and Results Act Implementation: How to Achieve Results, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 11, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, to markup the following: H.R. 173, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of surplus law enforcement canines to their handlers; H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals; and a measure entitled, "Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1997", 3:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 12, full committee, to continue hearings on Federal Communications System Acquisition Strategy (post FTS 20000): An Industry Perspective, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on HHS's Demonstration Program: "Healthy Start: Implementation Lessons and Impact on Infant Mortality, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 11, hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Reauthorization for FY 1998: Refugees and Migration, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 12, full Committee, hearing on U.S.-Russian Relations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Democratic Continuity and Change in South Asia, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Western Hemisphere Today: A Roundtable Discussion, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 13, full committee, hearing on Foreign Assistance and U.S. Foreign Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998: U.S. Information Agency and National Endowment for Democracy, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, March 11, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Defense program for the destruction of chemical weapons stockpile and fiscal year 1998 budget request, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on measuring readiness, 10 a.m. 2212 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Army modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, full committee, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on B-2 Bomber program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on reform initiatives, 2 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on revitalization of military housing, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military compensation reform and recruiting/retention issues, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on ballistic missile defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Department of Defense anti-submarine warfare program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 11, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on Federal funding of the State Land and Water Conservation Act Program, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 13, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; and H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 13, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 1998

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March 12, full committee, to hold an organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing on the U.S. and Antarctica in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on EPA's Particulate Matter and Ozone Standards, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 NASA Authorization, Aeronautics and Advanced Space Transportation, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Basic Research, to continue hearings on the NSF Fiscal Year 1998 Authorization, Part II (Outside Witness): Math, Science, and Engineering Education Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 13, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on FAA Research, Engineering and Development, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 12, hearing on community renewal initiatives for low income areas, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 11 and 13, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on Member policy initiatives and requests for highway and transit projects in the ISTEA Reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on the Current State of Amtrak, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Superfund Reauthorization: Views of EPA, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 13, to consider the Committee views and estimates for transmission to the Committee on the Budget, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Teaching Hospitals and Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments, 12:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

March 11, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Budget Authorizations for Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 for the U.S. Customs, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 12, full Committee, to markup H.R. 968, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities, 9:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on Revenue Raising Provisions in the Administration's Fiscal Year Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 15, Medicare Preventive Benefit Improvement Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 13, Subcommittee on Trade, to markup Budget Authorizations for Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 for the

U.S. Customs Service, the International Trade Commission, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: March 13, to hold hearings to examine economic problems of the income tax system, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Joint Committee on Printing: March 13, to hold an organizational meeting; to be followed by a hearing on over-

sight of the Government Printing Office (GPO), 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Joint hearing: March 11, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, to hold joint hearings with the House Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution to examine issues relating to partial birth abortion, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the future of Chechnya, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, March 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. Res. 39, Governmental Affairs Committee funding.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business.

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